availability of funds. About 60 Km Track renewal works have been done in the yards and six number washing lines have been constructed in Delhi area, during the last five years.

Approval of dangerous projects and industries

†*142. SHRIMATI KUM KUMRAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years Government have given clearance to such type of projects and industries which are very dangerous from environmental point of view; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central Government has enacted the Environment (Protection) Act (EPA), 1986 and framed Rules thereunder for the protection and the improvement of environment and prevention of hazards to human beings, other living creatures, plants and property. Ministry grants environmental clearance to 32 categories of development projects and industries covered under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 issued under the EPA, 1986 after assessing the Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Analysis Reports and subject to compliance to stringent environmental and risk mitigation measures.

Clinical trials by multinational companies

*143. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy regarding clinical trials being conducted by multinational companies in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government for regulating such clinical trials;

(c) whether Government have any mechanism to monitor/regulate such medical trials;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS) :(a) to (e) Regulations for conducting clinical trial in the country including by multinational companies are prescribed under Rule-122 DA-122-E and Schedule-Y to the Rules. The Rules provide specific application from and relevant document requirements for seeking permission

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